

# Education Workshops in Schools



## Advent Travelling Crib

Suitable for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 children, our Advent Travelling Crib workshops are an excellent introduction to the Nativity story, but they also encourage a deeper exploration of the meaning of Christmas for Christians.

The Wintershall Education Team will bring our live travelling crib, including donkey, sheep, a wise man and Mary, to a school playground or field and run a day of workshops for the whole school, while ensuring Government Covid guidelines are being followed. This is a truly unique and special way to celebrate Advent together.

**A site visit** is essential for each school, before bookings are confirmed. All our workshops are run in partnership with schools, so can be tailored to meet an individual school's needs. Please discuss options for your booking with our Education Team during your site visit

The following information will provide you with everything you need to know about our visit and how to prepare for it. If you require further information please contact the Education Team by emailing [schools@wintershall.org.uk](mailto:schools@wintershall.org.uk)

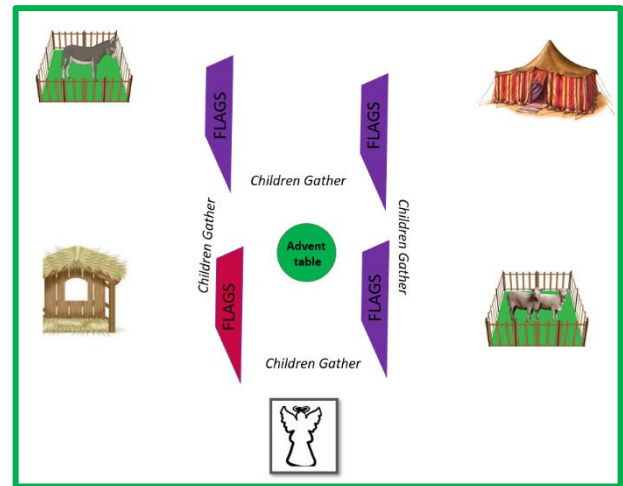
**Workshop structure** Every school is different, so please refer to your school workshop timetable for exact timings. The structure for each year group workshop will run as follows:

- GATHER** In a circle around the Advent Wreath Flags.
- INSPIRE** Begin your journey with the Wintershall Narrator.
- EXPLORE** Divide into small groups. Meet the characters from the Nativity story. Groups rotate around all stations.
- REFLECT** and **WONDER** with each character.
- RESPOND** Collect an item at each stop to place in your story bag.
- SEND** Gather together again in the Advent circle for the final reflection.

Lay out for sample workshop with 5 stops.

Exact location and details for stations will be confirmed during pre-visit to your school

The characters will provide a gift for each child to put in their pilgrim bag, so that they can remember them on the journey. These bags can be used in class for follow up lessons and reflections until the end of term.



**School visit timetable** Every school is different, and will have a specific timetable created to fit it's needs. Below is a sample timetable for a day visit to 2 form entry school, with each workshop lasting 45mins.

<b>7am – 8.40am</b>	Wintershall Team and set up scenery and props. Animals arrive.	
<b>8.50 – 9.35</b>	Workshop 1 <b>YR5</b>	Max capacity per workshop 60
<b>9.40-10.25</b>	Workshop 2 <b>YR</b>	
<b>10.30 – 11.15</b>	Workshop 3 <b>Y2</b>	
<b>11.20 – 12.05</b>	Workshop 4 <b>Y3</b>	
<b>12.50 – 1.35</b>	Workshop 5 <b>Y1</b>	
<b>1.40 – 2.25</b>	Workshop 6 <b>Y4</b>	
<b>2.30 – 3.15</b>	Workshop 7 <b>Y6</b>	
<b>15.30</b>	Animals leave	
<b>16.30</b>	Actors and team pack up site and leave	

**School site visit with Education Team** This must be completed prior to the workshops by the school staff member responsible for organising the visit. All additional needs including allergies must be communicated to Wintershall at this meeting.

**Arrival and Departure** 2 hours before the start of the workshops and 2 hours following the workshop. Timings to be confirmed on individual school timetable.

**Parking** We will require car parking spaces for our Education team if possible, plus a four-wheel drive and animal trailer, that will remain on the field during the day.

**Weather** Outdoor activities mean that weather, temperature, climate and light conditions may impact on our visit but they are an integral part of the Wintershall experience. Workshops will only be cancelled in the event of adverse weather conditions deemed by the Wintershall Team and School to pose a health and safety risk, or in the case of Covid lockdown making the trip impossible.

**Suitable clothing** Please encourage your pupils to wear suitable clothing and footwear when participating in the workshop outside. Stout shoes and a raincoat are essential in inclement weather.

**Animal Handling** All animals will be supervised by an animal handler. If children have contact with animals, they are provided with handwash to wash/wipe their hands. Please make the team aware of any animal allergies prior to the workshop.

**Education Guides and Wintershall Actors** are made aware supervision procedures and responsibilities agreed prior to the sessions. The Child Protection Act legislation does not consider Wintershall as a provider of specific services to children, and it is therefore not necessary for all production team to have DBS checks, however the Education Officer and key leaders are DBS checked. All Education Team have received safeguarding training and are briefed on the Child Protection Policy.

At all times, supervision of pupils within class groups is the direct responsibility of their teachers, and there must be the requisite adult to child ratios. Please ensure that teacher supervision is evenly spread throughout your group. We ask that teachers monitor pupil behaviour throughout the workshop.

**First Aid** Immediate first aid assistance is the responsibility of the school nominated First aider.

**Risk Assessment** Our Wintershall workshop risk assessment is available to accompany this document.

## After your visit

**Evaluation** Following our school visit, we would be grateful if you could fill in the evaluation form, that will be emailed to you. This feedback allows us to continually improve the educational experience and resources we offer. Thank you in advance.

**Book a Wintershall Assembly** This is a wonderful way to follow up a visit to a workshop and is completely free for schools.

**Lent workshops** We have a range of resources to use in the lead up to Easter, involving actors, animals and beautiful art work or bring a class to Wintershall for a full day Lent retreat. Get in touch to find out more.

**Book 'The Life of Christ' June** If you have enjoyed your Wintershall workshop this year – 'The Life of Christ' is an incredible learning opportunity for KS2 upwards, and a day long immersive experience into the life of Jesus. Email the box office to find out about the most up to date discounts. [admin@wintershall.org.uk](mailto:admin@wintershall.org.uk)

**Spread the Word!** If you enjoyed your visit, please do spread the word! We can only continue to run workshops if there is an interest from school groups, so please do tell other schools and community groups your experience. Details on Educational links can be found on our website.

**Who to Contact?** Have any questions about any of our resources? Please do get in touch. All we offer is flexible and adaptable and can be tailored to your needs. We look forward to hearing from you.

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